

# THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AT JOHN BROWN HOUSE, BUILT 1786  
CLIFFORD P. MONAHON, *Director*



52 POWER STREET, PROVIDENCE 6, R. I.  
CLARKSON A. COLLINS, III, *Librarian*

APRIL 20, 1960

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN  
EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.  
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
ST. LOUIS 2, Mo.

DEAR MR. NEWMAN:

AN INDEX TO THE PROVIDENCE GAZETTE WOULD  
CERTAINLY BE VALUABLE. UNFORTUNATELY NONE EXISTS.

AS REGARDS BUNGTON I FIND THAT WE HAVE A  
SERIES OF LETTERS WRITTEN IN 1944 BY DAMON G. DOUGLAS  
THEN OF 53 PARK AVENUE, CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY TO  
MRS. MARION DAVIS REILLY, AT THE TIME PRESIDENT OF THE  
SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONCERNING THE ORIGIN OF THE  
TERM. EVIDENTLY BUNGTON WAS LOCATED IN NORTH SWANSEA,  
MASSACHUSETTS.

MR. DOUGLAS WAS PREPARING AN ARTICLE FOR  
THE NUMISMATIST. IF THIS WAS PUBLISHED IT MAY BE USEFUL  
TO YOU OR IF MR. DOUGLAS IS STILL ALIVE PERHAPS HE WILL  
BE ABLE TO HELP YOU. THE NAME BUNGTON EVIDENTLY WAS  
NOT CONFINED TO NORTH SWANSEA. WE HAVE A REDUCED PHOTO-  
COPY OF A CRUDELY PRINTED NEWSPAPER, THE BUNGTON PATRIOT,  
PUBLISHED IN THE WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND AREA IN 1825 AND  
I THINK THAT I HAVE COME ACROSS THE TERM ELSEWHERE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

*Clarkson A. Collins III*  
CLARKSON A. COLLINS, 3RD

CAC:vc

April 22, 1960

Mr. Clarkson A. Collins, 3rd  
The Rhode Island Historical Society  
52 Power Street  
Providence, Rhode Island (6)

Dear Mr. Collins:

Your very nice note of April 20, 1960 is at hand and I am delighted with its contents.

With respect to the letters written in 1944 between Damon G. Douglas and Mrs. Reilly, concerning the origin of the term "Bungtown", I would very much like to borrow that correspondence. Mr. Douglas is a friend of mine but, unfortunately, both he and his wife have not been in good health and his interest in numismatic research has virtually stopped. He would have no objection to my seeing this correspondence. The article he was preparing for the Numismatist on the subject of Bungtown has never been published.

I am very excited about the Bungtown Patriot photocopy which you have located and would like to examine it. My suggestion is that if you would lend me these items I will return them promptly. If it would be easier for you to send them to the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial Building, Forest Park, St. Louis, Missouri, of which I am the Treasurer, I could use them there.

I am very grateful for your helpfulness and look forward to your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

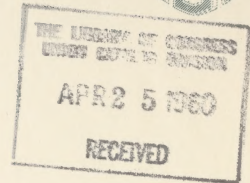
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# EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 400 WASHINGTON AVE., ST. LOUIS 2, MO.



ERIC P. NEWMAN  
ASSISTANT VICE-PRESIDENT  
AND SECRETARY



April 22, 1960

Union Catalogue Division  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am wondering if your files show a newspaper by the name of "The Bungtown Patriot" which apparently was published around 1825 either in northern Rhode Island or southern Massachusetts. I am unable to find it mentioned in any of the lists I have available in St. Louis.

If you do locate a reference to it would you indicate what library might have it in its file. It is possible that this newspaper may be a facetious publication of 1825.

Your cooperation will be appreciated,

NOT LOCATED

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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MAY 5, 1960.

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN  
EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.  
400 WASHINGTON AVE.,  
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

DEAR MR. NEWMAN:

I AM SENDING THE "BUNGTOWN" MATERIAL TO CHARLES VAN RAVENSWAAG, DIRECTOR OF THE MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ON AN INTER-LIBRARY LOAN BASIS. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEE THAT CARE IS TAKEN OF IT AND THAT IT IS RETURNED PROMPTLY, SINCE WE DO NOT ORDINARILY ALLOW MATERIAL OF THIS KIND TO CIRCULATE.

THE DIRECTORY OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES STATES THAT MRS. MARIAN REILLY, WITH WHOM MR. DOUGLAS CORRESPONDED, IS STILL PRESIDENT OF THE SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. HER ADDRESS IS OLD WARREN ROAD, SWANSEA. IF YOU WISH TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HER, PERHAPS SHE COULD HELP YOU.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

CLARKSON A. COLLINS, 3RD

CAC:AH



May 12, 1960

Mr. Clifford K. Shipton, Director  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester 9, Mass.

Dear Mr. Shipton:

I have located the most fascinating newspaper, being the Bungtown Patriot, of March 1, 1825. I am enclosing a poor photostat but will subsequently get you a photograph of the picture of it.

For many years those engaged in coin research have been trying to find what city was referred to as "Bungtown" and this is the first geographical indication of such a city. It is obviously a nickname for some town which is not disclosed in this edition of the newspaper, however, there are enough clues to solve the problem.

Do you have any record of this item being printed as it seems to have been prepared from a hand-cut block, or, are there any other editions known?

Here is a first-class mystery which I am going to solve for the coin world and if you have any suggestions, please let me know.

I presume there were no newspapers published during the period in the Stonington, Connecticut, Pawcatuck, Connecticut, Westerly, Rhode Island, area. This newspaper definitely shows that neither Rehoboth, Massachusetts, or North Swansea, Massachusetts, were named "Bungtown".

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



May 13, 1960

Mr. Clarkson A. Collins, III  
The Rhode Island Historical Society  
52 Power Street  
Providence 6, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Collins:

The Bungtown material which you sent for my examination is very exciting as it is the first use of the word "Bungtown" - as applying to a geographical location - so far as I know.

The Bungtown Patriot does not specifically refer to what city Bungtown is but, from its content, it definitely shows, as you pointed out, that it was published in the Stonington-Westerly-Pawcatuck area. Bungtown is on navigable water as smelts are for sale by P. Lanpher at the "lower end of Bungtown" and the sloop, Transit, is sailing for Newport and Providence from Bungtown. Some of the ads give no city and, therefore, must be Bungtown. Other ads give Bungtown as a location of their business. Still other ads name Charleston, Rhode Island; Stonington, Connecticut and Pawcatuck, Connecticut. Bungtown cannot be Stonington because of the marriage announcement of John Stales (?) and Sabrina Brown, even though Stonington has a "Water Street".

I would therefore like to know from you:

1. Whether you have a record of where the original of the Bungtown Patriot might be.
2. Who would be a person or Society in the Westerly or Stonington area who is interested in history and could check up on the addresses.
3. Would you advise me what Connecticut or Rhode Island record book might have the record of the marriage of John Stales (?), of Stonington, to Sabrina Brown, of Bungtown, performed in Bungtown on February 24, 1825 by N. E. Dixon, Esq. as the official.

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May 13, 1960

Mr. Clarkson A. Collins, III

I will be very grateful for your suggestions and the material you sent to the Missouri Historical Society will be returned very shortly.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



May 16, 1960

Mr. Clarkson A. Collins, III  
The Rhode Island Historical Society  
52 Power Street  
Providence 6, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Collins:

Since writing you on May 13 I have succeeded in locating "Bungtown". It is mentioned on pages 179 and 229 of "Westerly and its Witnesses" by Frederic Denison. It is the Southern part of Westerly, later known as "The Landing".

Would it now be easier for you to suggest someone who would be interested in trying to determine the original and background of that name. All existing theories are now without basis.

Will you be kind enough to look in "Gazeteer of Connecticut and Rhode Island", by John C. Pease and John M. Miles, and see whether Bungtown is listed? The book is not available here.

We will now be writing up the history of Bungtown coins for numismatic publications and if you wish an article could be developed for you. Your picture of the Bungtown Patriot has been the key to the solution of an enigma existing for over 100 years and much written speculation on the subject can now be clarified.

Where did that picture come from?

Sincerely,

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MAY 16, 1960

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN  
EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.  
400 WASHINGTON AVE.,  
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

DEAR SIR:

I AM SORRY TO SAY THAT WE HAVE NO IDEA OF WHERE THE ORIGINAL OF THE BUNGOWN PAPER IS. POSSIBLY THE PERSON WHO CAN HELP YOU MOST IS MISS SALLIE COY, LIBRARIAN OF THE WESTERLY LIBRARY. SHE HAS DEVOTED MUCH TIME TO THE STUDY OF LOCAL HISTORY AND MAY BE ABLE TO TELL YOU ABOUT BUNGOWN AT ONCE.

I FIND IN THE BROWN GENEALOGY BY CYRUS H. BROWN, VOL. 2 PAGE 179 THAT SABRINA H. BROWN MARRIED JOHN P. STATES AT WESTERLY, FEBRUARY 24, 1825. THIS IS WITHOUT A DOUBT THE MARRIAGE REPORTED IN THE PAPER.

I AM PLEASED THAT YOU FOUND THE MATERIALS WE SENT USEFUL AND WILL BE INTERESTED IN READING YOUR WORK ON BUNGOWN WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

CLARKSON A. COLLINS, 3RD

CAC:AH



May 16, 1960

Mr. Charles W. Utter  
Westerly Sun  
Westerly, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

We have a fascinating feature story for your paper concerning the first newspaper published in Westerly. This newspaper was published in 1825 and was called the "Bungtown Patriot". No copy of this paper has ever been known to librarians and has just been identified. Bungtown was the name of the Southern part of Westerly subsequently known as "The Landing".

I am having photographs of it made now. It contains local advertisements, local news, news of John Quincy Adams' election, etc.

Are you interested in working up a story on it? If so, please let us know and please ask your local historian to find out where or why the name Bungtown originated. Perhaps your readers could be asked to find the answer.

"Bungtown" means a spurious copper coin and we, as specialists in coinage history, found this old newspaper after many years of research relating to Bungtowns as coins.

You are under no obligation to us if you use this story, but if later you wish to make a contribution for our helpfulness this is up to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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By Eric P. Newman, President

# American Antiquarian Society

WORCESTER 9, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

Clifford K. Shipton, Director

May 19, 1960

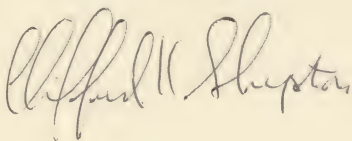
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington St.  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In my opinion, the Bungtown Patriot is an amateur newspaper, pretty obviously hand drawn, and not printed. I think that the name is fictitious. We have a good many very like it, but no copy with precisely this title or text.

I am quite aware of the debate about the Bungtown coins, and am very sure that this is a slang term which never had any reference to a specific locality.

Sincerely yours,



CKS  
JCS



May 20, 1960

Miss Sally Coy  
Westerly Library  
Westerly, Rhode Island

Dear Miss Coy:

Your name has been suggested to me by the Rhode Island Historical Society in connection with writing up a very exciting story on the history of Westerly, Rhode Island.

For over ten years I have been working to untangle the mystery concerning Bungtown coppers which, as you may know, were unauthorized and counterfeit copper coinage used in the late eighteenth century. There have been endless opinions, but no facts. The location of Bungtown has never been known in coinage history and it was only through the location of a picture of a newspaper called the "Bungtown Patriot" that my research got a shot in the arm. The Rhode Island Historical Society had a picture of the Bungtown Patriot and does not know where the original of the newspaper is.

On examining the paper, which is dated March 1, 1825, and which I think should be published in the Westerly Sun, I was able to determine that "Bungtown" was in the Stonington-Westerly-Charleston area. I then was fortunate enough to find that the southern portion of Westerly, subsequently known as "The Landing" was called "Bungtown". This is referred to on page 179 and page 229 of "Westerly and Its Witnesses". The question I wish to ask you is, Do you know the source, meaning, or origin of this name? Any help you can give me would be most appreciated as in the past it was thought that Bungtown might be Rehoboth, Massachusetts, or Swansea, Massachusetts, or in Pennsylvania.

The newspaper is previously unknown and the proper disclosure of all of these interesting facts will receive my devoted efforts.

Cordially yours,

EPN/atb

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ERIC P. NEWMAN



May 23, 1960

Mr. Clifford Shipton  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester 9, Mass.

Dear Mr. Shipton:

Thank you for your nice letter of May 19, 1960 stating that, in your opinion, the "Bungtown Patriot" is an amateur newspaper which is hand drawn and not printed.

Believe it or not, every item in the newspaper checks out as to locality and I have found, by elimination, that Bungtown is the name of the southern part of Westerly, Rhode Island, which is confirmed by a reference on page 179 and page 229 of "Westerly and Its Witnesses" which, no doubt, you have in your library. I, too, thought that this was just another blind alley but I hit the jackpot.

Could you tell me how this newspaper was reproduced? It is, obviously, hand drawn but was it cut into wood or some other material and a plate made for printing, or transferred to a positive for some type of reproduction? Could each copy be hand written?

Now that Westerly is definitely established, my research will go on full blast and I think I will have the "Bungtown Patriot" published in Westerly to see what local reaction there is to the origin of the name.

Thank you for your interest and I will keep you advised.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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MAY 23, 1960.

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EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.  
400 WASHINGTON AVE.,  
ST. LOUIS 2, Mo.

DEAR MR. NEWMAN:

THE PEASE AND NILES GAZETEER CONTAINS NO MENTION  
OF BUNGTON. I AM SORRY TO SAY THAT WE HAVE NO RECORD  
OF WHERE THE ORIGINAL OF THE NEWSPAPER WAS LOCATED.  
PERHAPS MISS COY, TO WHOM I SUGGESTED THAT YOU WRITE  
IN MY LAST LETTER, CAN GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION ABOUT  
IT.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

CLARKSON A. COLLINS, 3RD

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# American Antiquarian Society

WORCESTER 9, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

*Clifford K. Shipton, Director*

May 24, 1960

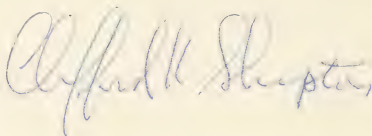
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400 Washington Ave.  
St. Louis 1, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Congratulations on your find. My mother's people came from Westerly, but this is news to me.

Your paper was originally produced in pen and ink. I don't think it could possibly have been reproduced by any form of engraving or offset; carbon copies and something like mimeographing or hectograph is the ordinary means of reproduction.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Clifford K. Shipton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

CKS  
JCS



## WESTERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

SALLIE E. COY, *Librarian*

May 24, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter of May 20 in regard to the location of Bungtown interests me very much because for three generations my family has either lived in so-called Bungtown or on the outskirts. Called by that rather unpleasant name, somewhat derisively at first, it has become a word of affection to many of the old-timers herabouts.

Some years ago Harvey C. Perry, grandson of the author of the Bungtown Patriot which you quote, wrote a paper for the Westerly Historical Society called Bungtown Chronicles. He defines the derivation of the name Bungtown as follows:

"The name Bungtown appears to have come fairly directly from the liquor, or possibly, molasses business. That is to say, gin, and rum and molasses were the stock in trade along the water front in the early days of Westerly. They were drawn from the bung, and many were the bungs in the cellars of the buildings on the three wharves, all located in what came to be called Bungtown. It has also been a theory, and possibly was a fact, that a bung factory once existed somewhere between the confines of the two brooks that, between School and Beach Streets, cross Main Street to the Pawcatuck River.

"These streams, in earlier days above ground, are the exact bounds of Bungtown but for the purpose of this paper we shall overflow a little to the south in order to include the shipyard on Margin Street. With the shipyard and shipping Bungtown is most intimately associated.

"The earlier chronicles of Bungtown, say previous to 1810, are simple to record, for at that time there existed within its confines on the east side of Main Street only six houses..."

I doubt very much if our Bungtown could have been the one concerned with the counterfeit copper coins, but, of course, that might be another item of distinction to add to our collection of tales. I have never heard of this incident however. An original copy of the Bungtown Patriot is in our library files. It was the work of an enterprising boy of 15, all carefully produced with a quill pen and a few woodcuts for which he made the blocks for printing. I doubt if I can tell you any more that would be of interest concerning this small area. Most of Mr. Perry's paper for the Historical Society concerned the old shipyard and the boats built here. If the historical publication containing this paper were not out-of-print, I would be glad to send you a copy. It is almost impossible to locate a

Mr. Eric P. Newman

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May 24, 1960

copy of this particular Historical Society publication. I hope this information may help you.

Sincerely,

*Sallie E. Gay*

Librarian.

SEC/e



May 26, 1960

Miss Sallie E. Coy, Librarian  
Westerly Public Library  
Westerly, Rhode Island

Dear Miss Coy:

We are going to have a great deal of fun out of  
Bungtown research.

The word "Bungtown" was used as early as 1787  
in the Newport Herald and it is very essential,  
therefore, to tie down the date when it was first  
applied to your community.

I will gather together all of the information  
which I have relative to Bungtown and work it up  
in an orderly fashion as none of it relates  
specifically to Westerly.

I would like to know if it is possible to obtain  
on inter-library loan the Westerly Historical  
Society volume which contains the Bungtown  
Chronicles. I am treasurer of the Missouri  
Historical Society, DeBaliviere Avenue at Lindell,  
St. Louis, Missouri, and if you would lend that  
book to them, I would be very grateful.

I would also like to know if the Bungtown Patriot,  
which is in your files, is the one of March 25,  
1825. Thank you very much for your cooperation.  
I have written to the newspaper in Westerly so  
that the matter might be published in the news-  
paper to see what other local information might  
develop.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/jd

May 31, 1960

Miss Sallie Coy  
Westerly Library  
Westerly, Rhode Island

Dear Miss Coy:

I am enclosing, as I promised, a number of the excerpts from my file relative to Bungtown. The problem is, of course, which came first, the chicken or the egg.

As it is entirely possible that the expression "Bungtown" referred to Birmingham, England, then became a term of derision in America and then was applied to your community, it would be particularly helpful to me if you could send me some kind of a chart, or map, indicating which part of Westerly was known as "Bungtown" and whether that portion contained "Water Street", which seems to be the location of the printer of the Bungtown Patriot as well as the house which is "to let", and the "smelts for sale". From the newspaper I also find that the shoe-maker is returning to his old location so he must have been in Bungtown quite a while before 1825. Is it possible that the word "Bungtown" applied to a larger section of your community?

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you, again, for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

May 31, 1960

American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester 9, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The microfilm of the Newport Mercury issue of January 19, 1786 had a defect sothat I was unable to read one or two of the words relating to the price of mohair. Would you be kind enough to look at your copy and fill in the missing word or words. For your convenience the specific excerpt is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPM/atb



# THE WESTERLY SUN

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NEWSPAPER ASS'N

Mr. Eric P. Newman, President  
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society  
5155 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thanks for your letter of May 16, 1960, regarding Bungtown.

You, of course, we will be interested in a story. There aren't many people who know about the area called Bungtown nor the "Bungtown Patriot and General Advertiser".

You have already been in touch with Miss Sallie Cox at the Westerly Public Library. I am told. She has a copy of the "Bungtown Patriot and General Advertiser".

In Vol. 1, No. 1, Page 2, of "The Narragansett Weekly", dated April 23, 1858, there is a short article entitled "The Bungtown Patriot". The enclosed photos are taken off of microfilm, but unfortunately my photo enlargers do not take as much area as is exposed in microfilming. Possibly with a glass and using various prints you will be able to read the full article.

Bungtown, as I have heard the story, is a definite locality, located at the northern end of Asia Street, Westerly, R. I., and was the location of warehouses and ship yards. The "Bung", I understand, comes from the bung or bungole in a cask or run barrel. I have been told that the liquor arrived aboard ships in large casks which were tapped and the liquor poured into smaller barrels for easier transportation.

For further reference, I refer you to "The Town That Saved A State - Westerly", by Miss Mary Agnes Best, Pages 84, 107, 123, 235, and 242. This copy is for your library.

Sincerely yours,

THE WESTERLY SUN

*Charles D. Utter*  
Charles D. Utter, Editor

June 8, 1960

Mr. Charles W. Utter  
The Westerly Sun  
Westerly, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Utter:

Thank you very much for the book concerning Westerly. A good part of it has already been read but I still do not know when the Bungtown portion of Westerly was built up. Miss Sallie Coy will, no doubt, clarify this portion of the problem.

The book indicates that the earlier copies of the Bungtown Patriot and General Advertiser exist at the library and I believe it would be helpful if you have photographs taken of the first issue as I believe you would want to publish that issue rather than the third issue of which I have photographs of a reproduction. The first known use of the word "Bungtown" is in the Newport Mercury, in 1787.

I will get in touch with you further as soon as I have heard from Miss Coy.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By

Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

cc:  
Miss Sallie Coy  
Westerly Public Library  
Westerly, Rhode Island



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WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

SALLIE E. COY, *Librarian*

June 17, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Under separate cover I am sending you our copy of the Records and Papers of the Westerly Historical Society containing Bungtown Chronicles by Harvey C. Perry. You will probably also be interested in the paper by Mrs. Charles Hickox on the Lucy Carpenter House since this house is located in the Bungtown area.

I was much interested in the excerpts which you sent regarding this name. I still feel very sure that this Bungtown copper coin did not originate here. Other people I have talked with have known of that area near Rehoboth being called Bungtown, and I am inclined to think that is the area from which the coppers originated.

About the Bungtown Patriot, ours is the original copy for the issue of March 1, 1825, v.1, no.3, the same one that is reproduced in Cole's "History of Washington County" which is probably what the Rhode Island Historical Society sent to you. Miss Phebe Perry, a grand-daughter, has part of another issue which, if I remember correctly, is volume 1, number 1. She lives in the same old home where her grandfather, the editor of this interesting item, lived for many years. I have talked with her and her brothers about this Bungtown question and while they are all interested in your quest, they really have not much to add to the information I have given you. The name Water Street which you ask about in your letter of May 31 is the old name for Margin Street, where the family home is still located. If I can learn more about this I will write to you again.

I hope you will return the Historical Society papers as soon as you can, conveniently, because this is out-of-print and is frequently referred to in the Library.

Very sincerely,

*Sallie E. Coy*  
Librarian. E

SEC/e



June 30, 1960

Mr. Clifford K. Shipton  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester 9, Mass.

Dear Mr. Shipton:

I am enclosing, for your files, the photographs of the Bungtown Patriot of March 1, 1825, the original of which is in the Westerly Public Library. I have determined that this Bungtown had nothing to do with the Bungtown coppers and was, apparently, the portion of Westerly where the bung was pulled from the barrel more often than it should have been. Naturally, your wife's family would not have been preserved in alcohol as some of the ship-building workmen must have been.

I am enclosing a memorandum of some items which I need for my research and would not request these matters if a microfilm were available.

Perhaps I should join the American Antiquarian Society, or pay for the time of the person who looks these matters up. Would you be kind enough to make a suggestion along these lines.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

July 1, 1960

Miss Sallie Coy  
Public Library  
Westerly, Rhode Island

Dear Miss Coy:

Thank you, very much, for your kindness in sending the records and papers of the Westerly Historical Society, which I am returning under separate cover.

I am making excellent progress in the Bungtown matter and so far have located four Bungtowns. It seems that this was a humorously derisive term applied to the heavy-drinking area of the community.

You will hear from me further when I have gathered additional facts.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

# American Antiquarian Society

WORCESTER 9, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

*Clifford K. Shipton, Director*

July 5, 1960

Mr. Eric Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
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St. Louis 2, Mo.

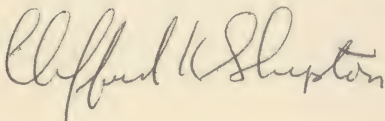
Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for the photo-  
stats of the Bungtown Patriot; I am very  
glad to have them for our amateur news-  
paper collection.

I am sorry to hear that the Bung-  
town clue did not work out, so I will add  
that to the list of problems I keep always  
in mind.

We are always delighted to perform  
these small jobs for you, but as it happens  
our backlog of microfilming orders is so  
huge that we would not be able to get to  
your request for reproductions of the  
Massachusetts Centinel before fall at the  
earliest. This is a very common paper,  
and Harvard, Library of Congress, and the  
New York Public Library could fill your  
order quickly. We have only one camera,  
and these libraries have many.

Yours very truly,



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...and a few by drawing it to their bank.

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...for which they have paid, will receive the  
"E" in its place. All such persons will receive  
it in this number for the amount due.

## INTRODUCTORY.

The first number of "THE NARRAGANSETT WEEKLY" is now before you. We have no apology for its appearance. The "E" having expired, the "WEEKLY" is forward to supply a want, which has become a necessity in this community—a reliable record of the local good news, and a means of advertising various branches of industry, in the successful prosecution of which New Englanders are proverbial. Our object is, of course, primarily, to procure a livelihood for us as much money as we can; but, to do so effectually, secondary objects present themselves, and with them we have principally to do at present. We have issued a sheet like this every week, full of useful and entertaining matter, original and selected, and such reliable advertisements as our friends favor us with.

We have frequent correspondence from principal villages in this section, and keep posted on the local news, and our desire and expectation to make "THE WEEKLY," as far as possible, acceptable as a home paper, not only for Westerly, but for the neighboring villages and towns. Business men will, therefore, for their interest to make their names known through our columns.

It will be seen, our sheet is some larger than that of the "Eko," and being set in a smaller sized type, it contains twice as much matter. We may say, that we give more reading for money than any other country paper in England. In order, therefore, to get it paid, we must have a liberal patron, and we shall be grateful to our

General Advertising," commenced January 1, 1825, "published on the first of each month, at one dollar per annum," and bearing this imprint: "Printed and published by G. Perry, No. 8 Water Street," who was at that date but 15 years of age. We have been shown a file of them, and right curious looking documents they are, being printed with a pen, and one number very freely illustrated with rats. By an item in the second number, we learn that a canal was in contemplation "from Pawcatuck river, through Chapman's pond, to this village, the advantages of which would undoubtedly remunerate the undertakers." This project was a gigantic one, and, had it been carried out, there would have been some sixty feet fall at its termination, giving a water power equal to that at Lowell, Mass.

After a list of marriages, the following occurs: "In addition to the above, there are many others who wish to be married soon!"

Many of the advertisements are decidedly rich, of which the following are specimens:

LOOK OUT.—The person who, a few evenings since, went to his neighbor's woodpile, instead of his own, by mistake, is cautioned against such mistakes in future, as the owner, in case of a repetition, threatens to DIXON him.

March 1, 1825.

TO SAIL, some time next spring, for the Beach, this new and elegant fast-sailing sloop FORUM. For freight or passage apply to  
Capt. H. RHODES,  
No. 3 Main Street.

Jan. 1, 1825.

BRAND COVER.—

Combs of Brass are made by me,  
And Clocks repaired for my fire.  
Which are well done, as you will find;  
A little cash relieves my mind.  
Feb. 25, 1825. ELISHA STILLMAN.

LEATHERS FOR SALE, at the manufactory of the subscriber, as dear as can be purchased in this place. GEO. D. CROSS.

Also, Rum and Molasses at the same rate.

DUNSTON, Jan. 24, 1825.

—Times have changed since the date of this interesting juvenile publication—in some respects, let us hope, for the better.

## OUR SCHOOL HOUSE.

To the Editors of the Narragansett Weekly:

"Our own little" village is, perhaps,

perhaps, to be given to private drawing out the very life and public education, and allowing schools to languish and drop, public patronage. Children go there, when they learn; open private school-rooms, and seek space; and no school can prevent the scholars have a natural for the place, nor can any other part of the teacher make them contented, or produce an attraction make them love to be there.

I appeal to the hearts and eyes of the people of this village to this one stain upon their otherwise spotless, and erect a school worthy the place and its inhabitants, to elevate public education, and to that standard which shall be the everlasting honor of Western intellectual advancement of generation.

## MYSTIC CORRESPONDENCE.

MYSTIC RIVER.

April 24, 1825.

To the Editors of the Narragansett Weekly.

I can, at least, send you the remnants of the season. The winter has been, if possible, and the genial opening of the spring succeeded, we trust, by a comfortable summer, and crowned by a bonnet. This is, to be sure, a hope of the matter, but, we think, warranted by the past. If it is gone upon the bright side when we why not anticipate the same beforehand? I am forced into general remarks from the positive local and business news. Our hope, mostly, as you know, of a commerce, our numerous mechanics on maritime prosperity. That we no longer enjoy. In two of our ship-yards we see sizable stocks, but we know they are near to be approaching completion, and understand the proprietors have the smallest possible force (not in the best) working up stock, just to preserve what has been done before decay. We understand that of the yards either has not

















# Records and Papers The Westerly Historical Society (Westerly R. I. 1933)

## Bungtown Chronicles

By Harvey C. Perry

The following petition, looking to the opening of Main Street, in the village of Westerly, was presented to the General Assembly of Rhode Island in 1789:

### "Petition to the General Assembly

"To the Honourable General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Convened at Newport on the fifteenth Day of September, A. D. 1789, the Petition of us the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Westerly & Other Towns Adjacent Humbly Sheweth, that Trade & Navigation Hath of late Much Increased in the River Pawcatuck; But at Present Much Retarded for the Want of Convenient Rhodes Up & Down By s'd River for Teams, &c., and in a Spetial Manner from Pawcatuck Bridge Southerly Down s'd River as far as Capt. Joshua Thompson's Store in s'd Westerly, Notwithstanding there hath Been a Driftway Laid Out by a Committee appointed by the Town Council of s'd Westerly, but Laid Out so Inconvenient as Will Not Answer for the Publick. Wherefore, your Petetioners Humbly Pray your Honours to Take the Subject Matter of this Petetion into Your Wise Consideration, and appoint a Committee of Juditious Men to Lay Out a highway from s'd Pawcatuck Bridge Southerly to s'd Thompson's Store, Where it Will Answer for the Publick, as We Stand in Need thereof & are Greatly Injured for the Want thereof. And your Petetioners, as in Duty Bound, will ever pray—"

Seven years after the foregoing petition was presented to the General Assembly, namely, in the year 1796, the authorities of Westerly took steps to do for themselves what they had in vain asked the General Assembly to do for them.

### The Name Bungtown

The name Bungtown appears to have come fairly directly from the liquor, or possibly, molasses business. That is to say, gin, and rum and molasses were the stock in trade along the water front in the early days of Westerly. They were drawn from the bung, and many were the bungs in the cellars of the buildings on the three wharves, all located in what came to be called Bungtown. It has also been a theory, and possibly was a fact, that a bung factory once existed somewhere between

the confines of the two brooks that, between School and Beach Streets, cross Main Street to the Pawcatuck River.

These streams, in earlier days above ground, are the exact bounds of Bungtown but for the purpose of this paper we shall overflow a little to the south in order to include the shipyard on Margin Street. With the shipyard and shipping Bungtown is most intimately associated.

The earlier chronicles of Bungtown, say previous to 1810, are simple to record, for at that time there existed within its confines on the east side of Main Street only six houses, Roland Chapman's, Capt. David Pendleton's, J. Latham Thompson's, the Cross house, the gambrel roofed house and Cross' tanyard, of which only the Thompson—now Dodge house—still stands; while on the west side William D. Wells' house was the only building except some storehouses next the river. Just south of the lower brook was Benjamin Pendleton's gambrel roofed house, later Lucy Carpenter's, and since occupied by Elery Barber and John Ingham. On the opposite corner stood the house built by Daniel Cottrell, later sold to Thomas Perry, I—great-grandfather of the Thomas Perry now occupying the same site, in a house built in 1873. Next along the river, and last, was the one-story house at the left hand of what was once the entrance to Greenman's shipyard, the John Lewis house, long known as Captain Card's, and now occupied by our librarian, Miss Martin. John Lewis, by the way, owned land extending from the river on the west to Esther Myers' property on the east.

When Silas Greenman moved here from Mystic in 1834 this little house appeared to him just as ancient as it did, when as an old man, he described it to his grandson, William W. Wilcox. From Thomas Perry's there was no other house on the Watch Hill road until the Joshua Thompson house at Thompson's Cove below the cemetery.

On the west of Main Street by the upper, or Wells Brook, Abiah Sherman built the tanyard afterwards owned by William D. Wells. By the lower, or Cross brook, east of Main Street, was the Cross tanyard which, however, apparently ceased business after 1851 for, says the Literary Echo of April 23, 1851, "Fire—Our citizens were aroused from their slumber this (Wednesday) morning by the startling cry of fire, which was found to have originated in the tannery occupied by Thomas Billings. After a while the engines arrived and soon subdued the flames, not, however, until the inside of the building was completely burned out and the property it contained entirely destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Billings was fully insured, but the building, which was owned by George D. Cross, Esq., was a total loss, although not of much value.

"We think our firemen should take rather more pains to keep themselves and their engines in good working order that when we do have a fire (which is but seldom) everything will be in readiness and all at their posts. And we hope our citizens will take into consideration the idea of having a hose cart to accompany the engines, for we

This company built the new mill, north of the stone mill, 48 by 124 feet, and four stories high, with a French roof in addition, and an octagonal tower on one corner. The architect was Peleg Clarke, Jr.

In the southern part of the village,—formerly designated "Bangtown," now called "The Landing,"—in 1811, Mr. Abiel Sherman established a small tannery, afterwards sold to Col. Peleg Cross, of Charlestown, whose sons, Nathaniel and Benjamin, operated it. Colonel Cross sold to William D. Wells, Esq., who continued the business till the heavy fire of Oct. 30, 1868, destroyed his property. Another tannery was started by Mr. John Cross, afterwards operated by George D. Cross, Esq., and lastly by Mr. Billings. Near Mr. Wells's tannery, Mr. Peleg Clarke, Jr., erected a steam mill for sawing and planing; this was sold to C. Maxson & Co., and was also destroyed by the fire of Oct. 30, 1868.

Of the merchants of Westerly, we have already mentioned J. Babcock, 1st, R. Babcock, and William Rhodes. These were succeeded by Stephen Wilcox, 1st, Palmer Wells, Paul Rhodes, Ichabod Taylor, Rowse Babcock, 2d, Capt. Joshua Hazard, Jonathan Perry, Amos Cross, Isaac Champlin, Thomas W. Potter, George Wells, Stephen Wilcox, 2d, Russell Hubbard, George W. Moss, Lyndon Taylor, William C. Pendleton, Lemuel Vose, George D. Cross, Joshua Thompson. The number of merchants at present is quite large.

The innkeepers have been Samuel Brand, Jr., Paul Rhodes, Ichabod Taylor, John T. Thurston, Horatio Robinson, Benadam Frink, C. B. Cogron, ——— Simons, Charles Leonard, Gorton Berry, Alvin Peavey. Mr. Samuel Brand, Jr., kept as an inn the house afterwards owned by Mr. George Wells, now moved to High Street, and used as a large tenement-house. Mr. Brand built the two large dwelling-houses still standing near the west end of the bridge, and owned the east one, and kept it as an inn till he sold it to Mr. S. Thompson.

On the west side of the river (Pawcatuck), we first find a grist-mill run by Mr. Elias Brown, but owned by Mr. Jonathan Richardson, who also had a saw-mill. On Mr. Richardson's death, his property passed into the hands of his son George, who afterwards sold it to John Scholfield, Joseph Noyes, Thomas Noyes, Salmon Richardson, Rowse Babcock, and Benjamin Babcock. After the property was improved by these gentlemen, it was sold to O. M. Stillman, who sold it to H. & J. J. Edwards. While being operated by this last firm, the mill was burned in October, 1841, and was a loss to the firm of about \$10,000. The privilege was again sold to O. M. Stillman, who finally sold it to the Stillman Brothers. The old mills were improved and enlarged, and new business was introduced by Mr. Scholfield, who was an ingenious manufacturer.

The property at last came into the hands of the present active



During the last war with England, the United States cutter "Revenge," commanded by Com. Oliver H. Perry, bound from Newport to New London, to attend a great ball, in the night, struck on the reef at Watch Hill, by the Spindle, and was a total loss. A few years since, divers searched the remains of the wreck, and found a little specie.

Shortly before this, Captain Cutler, of Stonington, ran down the Spindle and lost his vessel.

Capt. Joseph Barber, in a schooner, was lost at sea. No report of him ever reached home.

In a gale (near 1820?), Capt. Russell Stillman, in his centre-board schooner "Phebe Ann," perished in the ocean.

Capt. Nathan Lanphear, in the schooner "Little Cherub," sailed from New York in the latter part of November, 1826, bound to Edenton, N. C., and thence to the Island of St. Thomas. He was lost on the voyage between Edenton and St. Thomas. The vessel was last seen passing Ocracoke Bar. All on board were lost with the vessel.

The schooner "Spartan," about one hundred tons, built at the landing (Bungtown) in 1827, owned by Rowse Babcock and Oliver Wells, on her passage from Charleston, S. C., to New York, laden with rice and cotton, and commanded by Robert Brown, was smitten by a hurricane, Feb. 22, 1828, about eight hundred miles south-east from Block Island, and utterly disabled. The officers and crew were rescued. The wreck was afterwards found upon the ocean, and the deck-load of cotton, with a part of the tackle, was saved.

Near 1880, in the winter, a schooner, laden with corn, having her rigging so frozen as to render her unmanageable, was driven ashore on Quonocontang Beach. Of those on board, only one man, the aged cook, was able to swim. He succeeded in reaching the shore with a line, by means of which his shipmates passed from the wreck to the shore. It was night, and no dwelling was near. All started in search of a house, the light from which was discovered. The aged cook was exhausted. His comrades tried to carry him, but he asked them to leave him, and seek the house, and then return. On their return they found him dead. They finally reached the farmhouse of Mr. Oliver Davis.

Near 1832-3, there was built, in the town of Westerly, a few rods north of the tan-yard, a fine ship of about three hundred and fifty tons, called the "Thomas Williams," owned largely in Westerly, and fitted expressly for the whaling business. On her second voyage, in 1837-8, which was a very prosperous one, she was commanded by Capt. Palmer Hall, and cruised in the South Pacific Ocean. On her third voyage, under Captain Manwaring, she was burned at the Azores, having been fired by the Portuguese.

Capt. Charles Barber and John Dodge, in the schooner "Caro-

George D Cross  
of Westbury

married 10/25/1829  
at Stonington.

George Delwin Cross  
born or died 1/24/99

Record 4-119 Westbury

George D Cross was a  
justice of the peace in  
Westbury in 1829

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Pawcatuck III (Conn)

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South Kingstown - bones by  
(R.I)

Boat to Providence

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Stonington ~~(Providence)~~ Conn III

Westerly (R.I.) ( " )

Charlestown RI ,



P. Knapier - <sup>owner and of</sup> Brimington

Thomas + Stephen Wilcox Jr  
operated Sloop Transit

S. Grunt (Shemsher) Brimington  
"Village of Brimington"

Geo W. Gavit (no place)

Elisha Stillman (no place)

Sabrina Brown (of this place)

N. E. Dixon (in this village)

G. D. Cross (no place)

John Thompson (Water St)

C. Perry (No. 8 Water St)

George D. Cross ~~town~~ of Westerly  
married Oct 25, 1829 (marriage records  
of Westerly)

Representatives of the Town in the General Assembly

George D. Cross 1826-7 Representative  
1828 Senator  
1831-2 Representative  
1834-5

Nathan F. Dixon attorney from 1802 on  
as representative from Westerly to R.I. Assembly  
1814-29 Became U.S. House of Reps and died ~ 1842  
- Westerly

"Westerly and its Witnesses" Sylvester Cromb  
owned Red House p. 217

Rev. Frederic Denison  
Westerly and its Witnesses, (Providence 1878)

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"In the southern part of the village, - formerly  
designated "Bungtown", now called ~~the~~ "The Landing" -  
in 1811, Mr. Abel Sherman established a small tannery  
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The schooner "Spartan" about one hundred tons,  
built at the Landing (Bungtown) in 1827

Mary Agnes Best (Westerly, R.I. 1943)

## The Town That Saved a State - Westerly

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late in the 19<sup>th</sup> century fish were sold on the docks at Bungtown, one a penny. When no longer edible, farmers carried off great loads for fertilizer.

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\*\* by 1750 Captain Joseph Pendleton built and sailed boats for trading ~~in~~ in the West Indies. \*\* It was not till the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, however that shipbuilding became an important industry here. (Westerly)

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From 1805 on, the buzz of shipbuilding was heard - the land near the river, "the music of Bungtown", fishing boats, boats for the Coastwise trade, sailing from Labrador to Georgia, pleasure boats and whale ships to roam the farthest ocean in quest of whale or seal.

p. 107 In 1811 Abiel Sherman had a tannery at Bungtown, the name given to a stretch on Main Street below School Street. \*\*

Bungtown may have been named from the barrels of molasses and West Indies exhilaration which were unloaded at the dock and sold from the barge, though some believe that a barge factory existed there earlier.

p 185 In 1800 Westerly was known as Pawcatuck Bridge and boasted eighteen houses, a maritime village of farmer-fisherman, with side lines to increase the income.



Charles Perry Sr (1809-90)

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At the age of 15, Charles got out a little paper, "The Bangtown Patriot" made his own blocks for title and advertisements and printed the text with a quill pen.

p. 234 In 1764 Governor Hopkins reported to the British Government that there were "upwards of thirty distill houses erected at vast expense constantly employed in making rum from molasses. The distilling is the main hinge upon which the trade of the colony turns."

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Every grocery store was an invitation to indulge; rum flowed freely from the barrels at Bangtown, and farmers provided the stuff for their harvest hands.

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In 1800 Westerly ~~had~~ (Pawcatuck Village) had but four hundred inhabitants, and was described in the Providence Journal by an ex-resident as the "hardest looking town in our blessed little State."

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Charles Perry I, at the age of fifteen, made a grand start with a few numbers of the tiny Bangtown Patriot, which he printed with a quill pen and made his own woodblocks for the illustrations.

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# BUNG-TOWN PATRIOT.

\* Vol. 1. BUNG-TOWN, MARCH, 1, 1825. No. 2 \*

## TERMS.

The PATRIOT, is to be published on the first day of each month at ONE DOLLAR per annum.

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The Hon. John Q. Adams has been elected President of the United States for 4 years from the fourth of March 1825.—The calm and dispassionate manner in which this great question was decided reflects the highest honor on the representatives of the people and shews in a satisfactory manner the excellency of

the American Constitution.

The following gentlemen are spoken of at Washington, as those from whom the Secretary of the Treasury will be selected.

Gallatin Adams Rush and Langdon.

Accident. "Miss Hannah Brown, daughter of Mr. John Brown, was drowned at Peekskill a few days since while attempting to cross from Carriants Point to Brown's Dock."

A few weeks since as some boys were digging for rabbits in

Southkinstown they found bones which upon examination proved to be those of some person whom it is supposed was murdered and buried there.

## LOOKOUT.

The person, who a few evenings since went to his neighbors Wood pile, instead of his own, by mistake; is cautioned against such mistakes in future, as the owner, in case of a repetition threatens to Dixon him.



(EPN Photo)



communicated.  
 I have been informed  
 of an advertisement  
 was in your last number  
 for a new Watch  
 maker to repair the  
 No one—I have long  
 since discovered that  
 the Clock-work of the  
 old Watch-maker  
 was fast going, to the  
 day—The irregular  
 motions of the head  
 part of the machine  
 plainly show that  
 the Crown Wheel is  
 much injured; the pin-  
 ions are considerably  
 worn, and in my  
 opinion ought to  
 be brushed; and

having some skill in  
 repairing old machinery,  
 if you will recommend  
 him to me, I will endeavor  
 to regulate his  
 heat so that he will keep  
 better time.

A.B. Pawtucket Feb 28 1826

To sail soon,  
 the Sloop Tra-  
 vel for New  
 Port and Providence  
 for freight or pas-  
 senger apply to Tho:  
 and Stephen Wilcox  
 Junr or to the Mas-  
 ter on board.

Smelts' Smelts'  
 For Sale a quantity  
 of smelts just caught  
 and of an excel-  
 lent quality by

The 28. — P. Langdon  
 Lower end of Pier, N York

Navigation. The late  
 Draw has again cleared  
 the Passaic river of its  
 icy fellers—and the sloop  
 navigation between New-  
 ark and New York has  
 recommenced.

The Governor of Con-  
 necticut has appointed the  
 Hon. James Lannan to  
 be a Senator of that  
 State in the Senate of  
 the U. States from the  
 1st of March, when his  
 present term of service  
 will expire, until the  
 next meeting of the Leg-  
 islature.

The duties paid by  
 the Auctioneers in  
 the City of New York  
 during the year—  
 1824, amounted to,  
 the sum of, ———,  
 \$ 231836.66.

## Poetry.

could not wear the various wreaths  
nor count his crown,  
extending into dark beneath,  
his daily vengeful frown.

could not seek my fame to  
Mingory's dizzy height,  
her temple is with orphans filled,  
blest with her scepter bright.

I would not wear the diadem  
so folly prized so high,  
forward and wehah brought  
and every pearl a tear.

would not heap the golden chain  
that sordid spirits crave  
in every grain (by penny curb)  
gathered from the game.

No, let my wealth unsold  
My fame be virtuous youth  
My wealth be kindness, charity,  
My diadem be truth.



V.E. Rum,

and Molasses also

A General assortment  
of Leather for sale by,

No. 11.

C. J. Cross



For Sale.

A value to Tan Yard  
also a Two Story house  
about 2 acres of excel-

lent land now occu-  
pied by J. M. Wells  
apply to  
Riley Cross  
Charleston Feb. 17



Pawcatuck,  
Hotel.

The Subscriber will con-  
tinue to occupy this  
mansion in ensuing  
years will endeavour to  
accommodate his friends  
and the public  
in the best manner pos-  
sible. J. T. Thurston



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One half of a House  
which will accommo-  
date a small family  
situate in Water Street

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## Poetry.

could not wear the various wreaths  
nor could he count his crown,  
nor could he wish to wear  
the dark & vengeful frown.

would not seek my fame to build  
on every day's height,  
her temple is with orphan's sighs  
and with her scepter bright

would not wear the diadem  
so fully prized so high  
forward and weath'ring bright  
and every pearl a tear.

would not heap the golden chain  
that sordid spurs create  
for every grain (by January corn)  
gathered from the grave.

No!—let my wreath unsold  
My fame be virtuous youth  
My wealth be kindness, charity.  
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A valuable **Half Acre**  
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would not wear the warlike wreath  
 nor court his crown,  
 For love is virtue's link to man,  
 And links a virtuous man.  
 I would not seek my fortune  
 On some far distant shore,  
 Nor seek my glory's bright,  
 Nor temple in with ophanthides  
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 By folly prize so high  
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## TERMS.

The PATRIOT, is to be published on the first day of each month at ONE DOLLAR per annum.

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The Hon. John Q. Adams has been elected President of the United States for 4 years from the fourth of March 1825.—The calm and dispassionate manner in which this great question was deemed reflects the highest honor on the representatives of the people; and shews in a satisfactory manner the excellency of

the American Constitution.

The following gentlemen are spoken of at Washington, as those from whom the Secretary of the Treasury will be selected.

Gallatin, Richard Rush, and Langdon Cheves. — Dem. Pres.

Accident. Miss Hannah Brown, daughter of Mr. John Brown, was drowned at Peekskill a few days since while attempting to cross from Carrants Point to Brown's Dock.

A few weeks since as some boys were digging for rabbits in

South Kinstown they found bones which upon examination proved to be those of some person whom it is supposed was murdered and buried there.

## LOOKOUT.

The person, who a few evenings since went to his neighbors Wood pile, instead of his own, by mistake; is cautioned against such mistakes in future, as the owner, in case of a repetition — threatens to Dixon him.



*Important.*—The Philadelphia Gazette of last evening states, that orders have been received from Washington to finish immediately all the United States vessels building at that port, and to put two more on the stocks. It is stated that similar orders have been despatched to all the naval depots.

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*Fire.*—The house of Jacob Marks, at Haverstraw was burnt down on Friday week—loss estimated at about \$2000.

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Bang Town Feb 25.



**CHAIRS, BUREAUS, Chests, &c. &c.** manufactured and for Sale by,

Geo. W. Cavit.

Feb 25. 1825.

### **BRASS-COMBS.**

Combs of Brass are made by me, And Clocks repaired for myses, Which are all done as you will find. A little will serve my mind.

Feb. 25. Elisha Stillman

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For Sale a quantity of smelts just caught and of an excellent quality by

Edw. T. — P. Lamyshier  
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